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PUC NAMES NEW GENERAL COUNSEL

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10, 2003 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today appointed Randolph “Randy” L. Wu as General Counsel, effective September 8, 2003.

Mr. Wu is currently a Deputy City Attorney, City and County of San Francisco, where his assignments as a member of the energy team include project development work relating to the siting of power plants in the city.

“We are pleased to welcome Randy back to the Commission as General Counsel,” said PUC President Michael R. Peevey. “Randy has significant experience in regulatory relations from both the consumer and utility perspective and I look forward to working with him.”

Mr. Wu was previously employed by the Commission from 1977-1988, first as a staff attorney and then as an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). Mr. Wu was engaged in a broad range of legal work for the Commission, ranging from administrative hearings to defending appeals of Commission decisions at the California Supreme Court.

From 1988-1999, Mr. Wu was employed by El Paso Natural Gas and its affiliated companies where he was responsible for the development of power plants within North America. After leaving El Paso, Mr. Wu was of counsel to The Utility Reform Network (TURN) and represented consumer interests before Federal courts and State regulatory agencies.

“I am happy to be returning to the Commission and eager to begin working with its talented legal staff,” said Mr. Wu. “Since leaving the Commission, I have had the opportunity to work in the private sector and to gain perspective on non-profit and municipal legal work, which when combined with my State government experience has resulted in a broad range of public interest work.”

Mr. Wu fills the vacancy left by Gary M. Cohen, who departed the Commission in April 2003 to accept the position of General Counsel for the California Department of Insurance.

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